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LOUISVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS AND 10 MONTHS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND GUN POSSESSION

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on February 1, 2007, **MICHAEL R. HARDRICK**, age 32, of 1648 Hale Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Hardrick** to 3 years and 10 months, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system**.

Hardrick, who was previously convicted in October 2000 of attempted delivery of a controlled substance in Michigan, pled guilty in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, admitting that on or about January 17, 2006, he possessed a .45 caliber Colt pistol and seven rounds of ammunition and that he also possessed 2.29 grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute the cocaine.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert J. Kilmartin and

Madison T. Sewell and was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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